

REMARKS

Examiner O. Nadav is thanked for the thorough examination and search of the subject Patent Application and for finding allowable subject matter in Claims 14-20. Claims 1, 8, and 14 have been amended.

All Claims are believed to be in condition for Allowance, and that is so requested.

Reconsideration of Claims 1-13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is requested based on Amended Claims 1 and 8 and the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to include the following element:

"a ground pad connected to a first p+ region in said p-well region;" (Amended Claim 1, lines 4-5, Amended Claim 8, lines 4-5)

The addition of this element should align the limitations of the Claimed invention to those found in the device described in the

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Specification (page 10) and should overcome the rejection. The amendments use the same language agreed on per telephone interview with the Examiner on May 15, 2003. Amended Claims 1 and 8 and dependent Claims 2-7 and 9-13 should therefore be in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Reconsideration of Claims 1-13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is requested based on Amended Claims 1 and 8 and the above remarks.

In regards to Claim 14, this Claim has been amended as follows:

a ground pad connected ~~to an external ground reference and~~
to a first p+ region in a p-well in a substrate; (lines 4-6)

Per the telephone interview with the Examiner on May 15, 2003, the above changes broaden Claim 14 yet still remaining within the scope of allowable subject matter.

Applicants have reviewed the prior art made of record and not relied upon and agree with the Examiner that while the

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references are of general interest, they do not apply to the detailed Claims of the present invention.

Allowance of all Claims is requested.

It is requested that should Examiner O. Nadav not find that the Claims are now Allowable that he call the undersigned at 989-894-4392 to overcome any problems preventing allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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